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### WEEKLY LETTER FROM THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Excitement Prevails in kepublican Official Circles on Account of the Uncertainty of the Political Future -- Are Looking and Preparing for Changes

(Special Correspondence)

velt Administration.

depleted. The banks are not in Treasury a partner of all the Nat- into it rather than go hungry and the in the State. condition to repay any of that long Panks, without participating County Alms House is full to its

posits in National Banks. He of their representatives.

CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY OF [claimed it would require a very Washington, D. C., Jan, 10 .- large reserve fund to be kept on A considerable undercurrent of ex. hand to meet conditions such as citement prevails in Republican of. now exist and that the tax proposed ficial circles on account of the un. would not much more than meet certainty of the political future, the bunk failures that normally Nearly all the office holders who occur. If the proposed guarantee hold positions above clerkships are is to be of benefit to depositors economizing, as they fully expect that after March 4 1909, they will the assets of a bank can be col. superceded by other patriots, lected and disposed of before the either Demorcats, or of the Republi- government guarantee would be can faction opposed to the Roose- available would give no immediate relief to depositors. In times of There is, therefore, great unrest panic people want money and the Chicago, Ills., Jan. 10.—The whole- have expended millions of dollars to

sum, for the New York banks have in their profits. The indifference of limit. Not in ten years has Hogan's much loss cash on hand than the the tenublican majority of Congress Flop," the winter resort of hoboes, 25 per cent of their deposits which to the financial distresses which has been so overtaxed. The Salvation institution in Chicago brit the law requires, and the banks been shown by the long hollow adthe law requires, and the banks of New York, according to the report of the Comptroller of the Republican party has held for the Republican party has held for the rest ten years. The fact is the Republican politicians are panic of the pressing question.

The principal financial expression and afraid to act. The same of them will go to lumber feller benefactions of 1907 amounted. One of the principal financial experts of the United States Treasury farmers who cannot get cash for camps, but the crews in the lumber to \$46,600,000, of which the biggest pointed out to me yesterday the wheat and cotton, and can find no camps are not being worked full time litem, \$32,000,000, went to the general

MANY HOMES AND LIVES DESTROYED BY CARELESSNESS

State Fire Marshal Save Parlor Match Should be Outlawed-Careless Use of Matches in Ohio Burned 30 Children to Death Last Year.

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is the greatest convenience and the them. per cent. of all fires; in large cities records of 40,000 Ohio fires.

about 18 per cent. The Chicago 're- In reports of 534 fires from careport shows 21.4 per cent. The "par- less ness with matches which oc- work of building its road into Mil- some interesting figures regarding lor match" referred to herein is in curred last year the exact character waukee was carried on without letup

gives it a twirl and a toss without match box falling. A flying match ample funds to complete the road and oloking to see if it is still glowing head alighting in an umbrella started meet all obligations.' If such a re-If it is kept alight long enough for a fire which consumed a home.

WICKED CARELESSNESS.

The careless use of matches in ignited by the heat from grate or Ohio last year fired 534 buildings stove. They may be brushed or blown off and ignite when they alight, or The "parlor" match in common use they may be set off by tramping upon

greediest incendiary ever invented These are not statements of imaginby man. In the state it causes 12 ative possibilities; they are from the

no way associated with love's aweet of the accident was shown in 209 as follows: The number in which If all the people were taught the match heads flow, or glowing sticks is practically completed. The court contribution to the public exchaquers dangers from this match the present were thrown into rubbish was 83. enormous fire loss from them, of This fact says "clean up the place." which each producer pays a part, The greatest number of match fires would be reduced to almost nothing. occurred in the cellar. Never a week But teachers who warn against the passes in Ohlo without a house being The dangers of the "parlor" match inste a closet. The sparks or hot for developing other enterprises. The are manifold. In igniting the head sticks of parlor matches started de- facts are that this company has not often explodes or the stick breaks structive fires by first igniting 21 isued a single dollar's worth of stock and flaming chemicals fly and ig- carpets, 20 pieces of clothing, 23 bed or bonds for nearly three years, durnite wastepaper, sweepings, lace cur- coverings, 22 lace curtains, 18 ing which time nearly \$500,000 has tains and the clothing of women and couches, and 6 baskets of clothes. In been extended for permanent im-

children. The smoker, and often the 26 cases the fire started from a match provements and betterments out of housewife too, after using the match being trod upon and in 5 from the surplus earnings. The company has

will, in two-thirds of all matches, The name "parlor" is given to all wide the door to the most dangerous remain a red hot coal half an inch matches, except the "safety" which assaults upon the security of corlong during an average interval of are made without sulphur, thereby porate enterprise. Banks and mer-48 seconds. A large proportion of avoiding the odor given out by the cantile houses would not be safe from match fires result from one of these 'lucifer" match which it drove from similar thundenbeits. hot sticks being thrown upon inflam- the market. Its head contains phosphorous, chlorate of potash, rosin, There now is prospect that an apwhiting and powdered fint held to- propriation bill for the Lakes-to-the-The careless leave these matches ly- gether by glue. Phosphorous ignites Gulf deep waterway project will not ing about although one of them may at 140 degrees Fahr. The heat pro- be postponed by the present Congress be ignited by the sun's rays focused duced by friction of the particles of as any big general river and harbor upon it, by a bubble in a window flint in the head when it is struck bill will be, because of prevailing by a water bottle, by a fish ignites the phosphorous, the chlorate financial conditions. Advocates of the globe by a apherical paper weight or gives the 39 per cent. of oxygen it deep channel down the Mississippl by grandma's spectacles. Loose in contains with explosive spluttering valley expect to urge, against any

When the chlorate or parlor match American's use, is trod upon of otherwise ignited it. The sale of the parlor match should

only good characteristic. facturing. The sulphur match does are made on the same machine, not snap but its odor bars it from D. S. CREAMER, good society. The head of the sul-

sounds its own fire alarm-this is its be prohibited. This would be no hardship to manufacturers because Saltpetre is little used because it safety matches, which can be lighted adds greatly to the danger of manu- only by rubbing them on the box,

State Fire Marshal

#### CHICAGO THE GREAT LABOR CENTER OF THE UNITED STATES

Cutting Down of Payrolls Throughout the Middle West Has Greatly Increased the "Floating Population"-Effort Being Made to Drive Out of Chicago the Black Hand Society.

States where the ice, lumber, man-

ceivership, which was tried out here last week on the Chicago & Milwau- out return to the people the millions kee Electric Rallway was brought to an end so summarily that such experiments are not likely to be so of Chicago puts it. Mr. Carnegle did periments are not likely to be re-not head the list last year as he has peated. The receivership was had on for a number of years past. the eve of the interest payments without notice to the company and on the complaint of an unknown person who claimed \$2500 of stock in fired in the name of Stuyvesant stockholder of record 1 It was a Fish, the militant former executive complete surprise to President A. C. Frost, for the heavy construction work of building its road into Mil- some interesting figures regarding during the intense money stringency of the past four months and the road that \$19 a year was Mr. Harahan's which ordered the receivership d's- levied on a personal property asmissed it two days later. President Frost afterwards made this comment: "The charges made were that the company's securities had been used ceivership should become a precedent the stick to be burned through it "PARLOR" AGAINST "LUCIFER. in the United States, it would open

class for many years.

in official Washington which is runs on the United States Treasury sale cutting down of payrolls through- ward such a waterway and that it made more acute by the unfortunate for gold in former panies, would out the middle west has now swelled is therefore not in the same category financial conditions into which the indicate that depositors would be the normal 50,000 "floating popula- with most projects for which federal country has fallen, and the practical just as unneasonable about waiting tion" which throngs the cheap lodg- aid is sought. The amount which bankruptcy of the United States for their money, although the gov. ing houses of Chicago each winter, will be asked of the federal govern-Treasury. There is only six mil- ernment had guaranteed the pay even in the most prosperous times, ment will be much less than Chilion available cash on hand, and ment. Hence the necessity for a refor the month of December the ex- serve fund large enough to meet fortunate from Denver, a man of 67 lts \$20,000,000 appropriation voted, penditures of the government ex- such a guarantee, when everyone who had just one nickel left, was and the source of the government ex- such a guarantee, when everyone ceeded the income by nearly eight is calling for money. Without here starting life anew after losing \$600, provided toward a deep waterway. million dollars, Since December considering the Constitutional ob-26th the Secretary of the Treas, jection to Mr. Bryan's plan, or the throngs he found in Chicago dis- and opposition involved in it are ury has been compelled to with- the injury it would do to state couraged him and he finally found rapidly be ing cleared up, and opdraw from the National Banks banks, it would undoubtedly make employment in a suburb. Each night ponents of this middlewest project over \$11.000.000 to pay the pressing the National Banks percetual and several hungry men have been given can find in its no grounds for argubills of the government, and if the that has not been the Democratic hot coffee and sandwisches from a ment. It is likely that one result of deficit continues in the Customs nolicy, which has ever been to di- wagon stationed on the west side. this Illinois contest will be the creand internal Revenue receipts, the vorce the government from the all of the cheap lodging houses are ov- ation of a State commission to have \$248,000,000 now on denosit with Money Power. Mr. Brvan's plan er-crowded; the Bridewell is filled to charge not only of the Chicago Sanithe banks will have to be further would make to the United States overflowing by men who have broken tary Canal but of other canals with-

The New Year's gift of \$2,000,000 by John D. Rockefeller to his pet institution in Chicago brings the total Mr. Bryan's plan, for market for live stock, will be and men have not been taken on for hoard of education. During 1907 the government to guarantee de- likely to ask some hard questions the winter work as usual. Chicago Mrs. Russell Sage made gifts amountis the great labor center of the United ing to \$13,600.000 and Mr. Carnegie's record was \$13,150,000, Dr. D. K. ufacturing and railroad interests re- Pearsons, of Chicago, gave \$126,000 to cruit for special undertakings and it eigh small colleges and P. A. B. s expected that the money stringency Widener, of Philadelphia, gave \$10,will soon be modified so that the 600,000 to found an art museum. It normal amount of employment will is interesting to note that the instibe offered and the army of the unem- tutions to which the biggest gifts ployed be reduced somewhat. How- have been made rank as follows: ever., the winter of 1907 and 1908 is Educational institutions ...\$73,000,000 likely to be one of the hardest ex- Charities ...... 49,452,296 perienced by men of the unskilled Religious organizations.... Museums, art galleries and

public improvements.... 17,247,400 Government of corporations by re-Public libraries ...... 2,943,000 In this tendency of millionaires.

The latest broadside at President Harahan of the Illinois Central, of the railway, by his legal attorney, Maxwell Edgar, dsclosed a \$40,000 a year salary. It seems sessment of \$200. This year another cipher was added to the assessment and Mr. Edgar says it was the district attorney of the railway who appeared to ask for a reduction for Mr. Harahan, which the board of review unkindly refused. In the years 1905-6 and 7 Mr. Harshan received \$100,000 in salary, which helped some in paying such taxes. Mr. Fish's attorney says now that he expects to have a majority control by March 2 and in that case Mr Fish will remove to Chieren to attend to the duties to be defeated for re-election.

drawers or on desks, they are liable and interise heat which fires the roseastern opposition, that the tax payto take fire from rubbing or a blow. In and they together fire the parafin ers of Illinois and of the states from
On the manufepiece they are often with which the stick is saturated Chicago to the Gulf of Mexico already

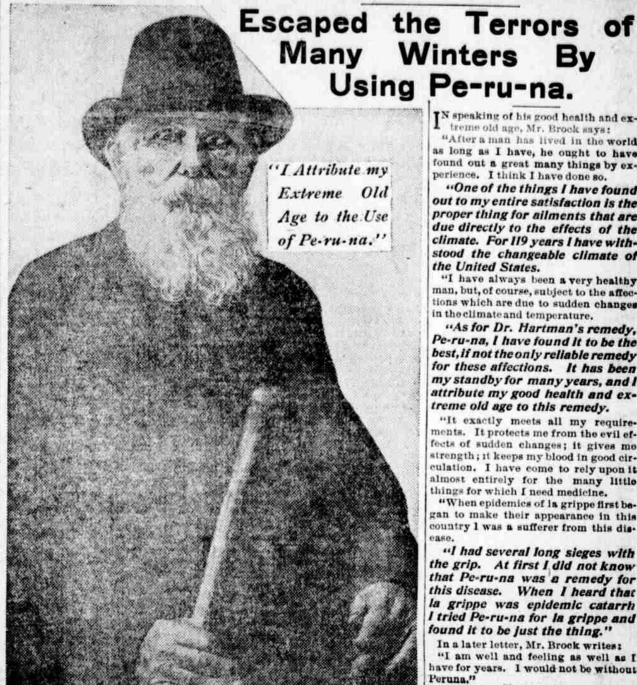
was \$2,822,526. During the

SAAC BROCK, a citizen of McLennan | 1 county, Texas, has lived for 119 years. For many years he resided at Bosque Falls, eighteen miles west of Waco, but now lives with his son-in-law at Valley Some time ago, by request, Uncle Isaac

came to Waco and sat for his picture, holding in his hand a stick cut from the grave of General Andrew Jackson. Mr. Brock is a dignified old gentleman. showing few signs of decrepitude.

it shows that the date of his birth was | troubles. written 119 years ago.

# and the stick itself. By substituting phur match has no sulphur in it, either salt-petre or sulphur for the chlorate a silent and slow match is made which does not snap and fly. Slow in lighting for the nervous THE OLDEST MAN IN AMERICA



Mr. Isaac Brock, 119 Years Old Last Birthday. Born before the United States were formed. Saw 22 presidents elected.

Pe-ru-na has protected him from all sudden changes. Veteran of four wars. Shod a horse when 99 years old.

Pe-ru-na. Witness in a land suit at the age of 110 years.

IN speaking of his good health and ex-

treme old age, Mr. Brock says: "After a man has lived in the world as long as I have, he ought to have found out a great many things by experience. I think I have done so.

"One of the things I have found out to my entire satisfaction is the proper thing for ailments that are due directly to the effects of the climate. For 119 years I have withstood the changeable climate of the United States.

"I have always been a very healthy man, but, of course, subject to the affect tions which are due to sudden changes in the climate and temperature.

"As for Dr. Hartman's remedy, Pe-ru-na, I have found It to be the best, if not the only reliable remedy for these affections. It has been my standby for many years, and I attribute my good health and extreme old age to this remedy. "It exactly meets all my require-

ments. It protects me from the evil effects of sudden changes; it gives me strength; it keeps my blood in good circulation. I have come to rely upon it almost entirely for the many little things for which I need medicine.

"When epidemics of la grippe first began to make their appearance in this country I was a sufferer from this dis-

"I had several long sieges with the grip. At first I did not know that Pe-ru-na was a remedy for this disease. When I heard that la grippe was epidemic catarrh tried Pe-ru-na for la grippe and found it to be just the thing."

In a later letter, Mr. Brock writes: "I am well and feeling as well as I have for years. I would not be without

Isura Brock

A letter dated July 3, 1906, written for Mr. Brock by his wife, Sarah J. Brock

"Last winter I had just gotten up out of a spell of sickness, when I commenced taking Peruna. I think it improved my health very

In a postscript, Mrs. Brock adds: "He thowing few signs of decrepitude.

His family Bible is still preserved, and remedy of the age for catarrhal about what Peruna will do. I do not receives a great many letters inquiring

answer them all, as I think they can

#### get a bottle and try it." Ask Your Druggist for Free Peruna Almanac for 1908.

year \$2.000 in currency was found Black Hand bave left Chicago. Their living has been made by threatenby the time the buildings was ready for occupancy the annual business WE FEEL EVERY CHANGE for that reason the postal clerks have been working in crowded and cramped quarters ever since There cems to be hope that a supplementary building will be furnshed by A Bad Back is Always Worse Dur. way or round trip to London, Springthe present congress, one near to the railroad stations and costing 45,000,000. One of the few postoffice employes who have witnessed this growth is the postmaster's ivate secretary, Miss Bertha Duen. eter, who is the same energette young woman who climbed the flag. rtaff on the temporary building to rescue the flag that had been forgotten in the hurry of removal to the new building. She is studyin" law in a night law school and wood Ave., Marion, O., says: "I to sleep later mornings and to dress

of president of the bg ralway of service he rendered the Italian have been recommendin Doan's tle of Dr. Detchon's Relief for wheh he was the head for so many Secretary of State at Rome. He Kidney Pills ever since and on one Rheumatism. It got me out of the years, until the Harriman coup in is to be a war secretary and will occasion. I procured a box at the house in 24 hours, I took to my bed Illinois Central stock caused him to give lectures throughout the city Flocken's pharmacy for a neighbor with rheumatism nine months ago Ten million letters and parcels the secret that you have discovered my own case." were received at the Chicago Post a Black Hand member," and "How For sale by all dealers. Price 50 best physicians in the city, but I reoffice last year incorrectly address to reveal to the White Hand what New York, sole agents for the Unit. know Dr. Detchon's Relief for ed. These figures show how enor- you have discovered without at ed States, mous is the problem which Uncle the same time exposing yourself to Remember the name—Doan's— Sam works out in handling the danger of vengeance ". The White and take no other, tazils in this city where each year I'and Society of Chicago is com-

lose in the mail sacks and the own, 'nembers have become wealthy and ing death or disaster to anyone who ers of \$733,56 of this were discover- are determined to drive out the ed. At the time the present federal last of the territories by whom the a form of diversion that they pracinilding was begun the business i alian colony of this city, as well of the Chicago Post office amounted as others, has been known to suf- land which is not likely to remain to thirty million tons a year but fer. Already ten members of the

refused to contribute to them, just niced with profit in their native permanent institution in Chicago.

## OF THE WEATHER

ing Wet or Changeable Weather Is your back like a barometer?

Does it foretell every change Does every cold settle on your kid-

neys? Bring aching, throbbing pains? Does it disorder the urine?

The kidneys are calling for help. Use Doan's Kidney Pills,

ill soon graduate though she does used Doan's Kidney Pills in the in a warm room. The contrivance not expect to practice law while spring of 1899 and found them to be is connected with the furnace in the while her present salary of \$2500 worthy al confidence. One box of this cellar in such a way that when the excellent remedy relieved me of an alarm clock goes off at 4 o'clock the intense pain in the back and a con- furnace door closes and the drafts In the organized effort which the stant lameness which made me weak open. Italian and Sicilians of Chicago are and out of sorts all the time. I was reaking to drive out the members so glad to find this prompt relief of the Black Hand Society, their that I gave a testimonial for publicaorganization, the White Hand so, ton at that time, and during the e ety, has engaged an Italiau detec. five years since then I have not had Blackmore, Pittsburg, Pa., says: "A tive, who is famous in Europe for a single symptom of kidney trouble, I short time since I procured a boton "How to detect the password of who had kidney trouble, and the and Dr. Detchon's Relief for Rheu-'he Black Hand'', "How to keep treatment proved just as effective ,s matism is the only medicine that did

the increase in business amounts to vosed of merchants and business E. J. Jube Piano tuner, from To- Druggist, Opp. Kerr House. a million dollars. Last year the in. men among whom are such names ledo, Ohio, is in the city. Leave ord-

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By means of four small pulleys, an alarm clock, two weights and a few Guaranteed by Marion testimony, yards of cord Joseph McLean of Mrs. John Potter, of 233 Green- South Manchester, Conn., is enabled

Rheumalism Cured in 24 Hours

T. J. Blackmore, of Haller me any good. I had five of the Rheumatism to be what it is represented and take pleasure in recommending it to other poor sufferers." Sold by The Dumble Pharmacy,